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OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY SEEKS COMMENT ON HUMATICS CORPORATION REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 15.519(a) OF THE RULES FOR AN ULTRA-WIDEBAND SYSTEM THAT EMPLOYS FIXED INFRASTRUCTURE

ET Docket No. 19-242

Comment Date: September 16, 2019
Reply Comment Date: October 1, 2019

On July 16, 2019, Humatics Corporation (Humatics) filed a request for a waiver of Section 15.519(a) of the Commission's rules to permit it to obtain a grant of equipment authorization for an ultra-wideband (UWB) system that employs fixed infrastructure.¹

Humatics seeks a waiver of Section 15.519(a) of the Commission's rules, which specifies technical requirements for handheld UWB systems and prohibits the use of fixed infrastructure.² Humatics' Spatial Intelligence Platform (Platform) consists of microlocation systems designed to operate under the UWB rules.³ The Platform can be used in industrial logistics and manufacturing markets to provide precise location information for tasks such as automatic guided vehicle navigation, crane control, forklift tracking, and worker tracking.⁴ The Platform would be located both indoors and outdoors and would be mounted on fixed infrastructure (i.e. industrial automation and manufacturing equipment).⁵

The Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) seeks comment on Humatics' waiver request.

Humatics submitted its waiver request electronically through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) as a non-docketed filing in FCC INBOX-PART 15 (Petition for Waiver of Part 15). In conjunction with the opening of ET Docket 19-242, the Commission moved the filing into this docket. Parties should file all comments and reply comments in ET Docket 19-242.

¹ Humatics Corporation Request for Waiver of Section 15.519(a) of the Commission's Rules, filed July 16, 2019 (Humatics Waiver Request).

² 47 CFR § 15.519(a).

³ Humatics Waiver Request at 11 (claiming that because all Humatics devices comply with all other applicable UWB rules, including technical limits, only a waiver of Section 15.519(a) is needed).

⁴ *Id.* at 2-3.

⁵ *Id.* at 11. It states that because all Humatics devices comply with all other applicable UWB rules, including technical limits, only a waiver of Section 15.519(a) is needed. *Id.*

OET has concluded that, in order to develop a complete record on the issues presented by this request, this proceeding will be treated, for *ex parte* purposes, as "permit-but-disclose" in accordance with Section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, subject to the requirements under Section 1.1206(b).

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Rodney Small, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, Room 7-A121, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to Rodney.Small@fcc.gov.

Documents are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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By the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology

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